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To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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**EXTENSION REQUEST: JULY 25, 2006 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE RE: HOW
THE CHILD WELFARE IMPROVEMENT FUND CAN BE LEVERAGED TO FURTHER
MENTORING EFFORTS**

On July 25, 2006, in response to a motion by Supervisor Knabe, the Board ordered the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in consultation with the Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN), to report back in 45 days as to how the \$98 million Child Welfare Improvement Fund can be leveraged to further mentoring efforts.

In order to respond to your motion, the Department has participated in lengthy discussions with ICAN, and with representatives of the Probation Department, County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer, to determine how best to collaborate in enhancing mentoring services available to youth in out-of-home care. ICAN has formed a number of subcommittees to examine mentoring outcomes and different ways to use funds that will become available. Therefore we will need additional time to finalize the plans for providing mentoring services and are requesting this extension.

Unless otherwise directed, I will proceed with a new Board report submission date of Tuesday, October 31, 2006. If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Lisa Parrish, Deputy Director, Bureau of Resources at (213) 351-5858.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
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